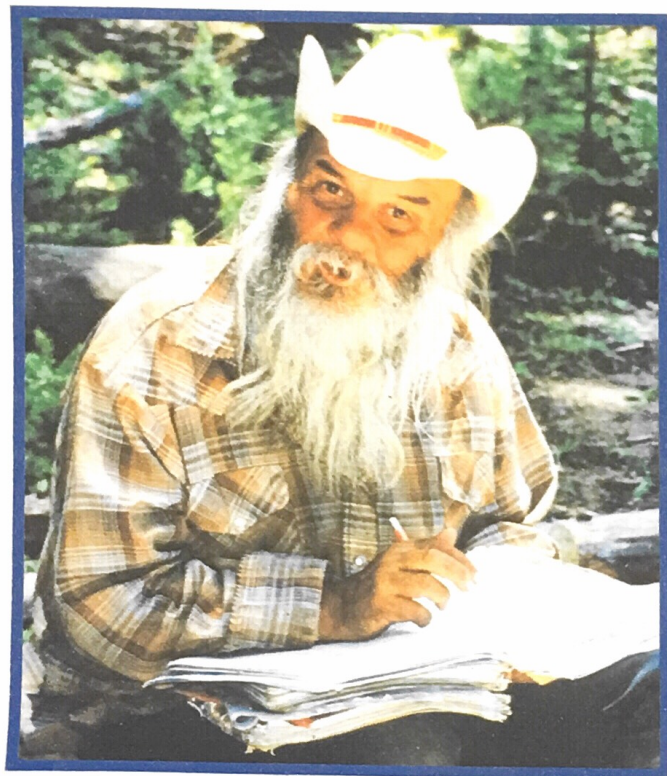




# Rainbow Family

## Life Stories



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Interviews with Rainbow  
Family of Living Light  
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SAGE - "Young Sun Dancer"

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## Sage Young Sun Dancer

[Sage is the daughter of Felipe who ran Kid Village at the gathering for many years. I interviewed Sage at the 1998 Arizona Gathering]

I was born in 1982. My mom is a nurse's aide and cosmetologist. I live with my mom in Minnesota. I don't know how I'd describe what my dad does - panhandle for money. He does some landscaping. I've only missed two gatherings since I was born. My dad took me.

I live in Grand Marais, Minnesota. It's like 3,000 people. I talk about the gathering with the kids there. All the kids I know are interested in the gathering. They really want to go. In three years I graduate from high school. I don't have any idea what I want to be - like a kindergarten teacher, I think. I would like to make kids happy in kindergarten like I was in kid village.

I've been to the Sun Dance in South Dakota all the times my father has been pierced. I was scared for him the first couple of times. I understand why he's doing it. That's his religion. He's more relaxed after the Sun Dance.

I've danced at the Sun Dance, but I wasn't pierced. I went without food for four days, but I had water. The first time I took a sweat at the Sun Dance, I enjoyed it. I wasn't scared. I have lots of Indian friends in South Dakota because I grew up there.

Kids dance in the Sun Dance because they want to - not because their parents do. I danced because I felt like I wanted to purify myself of everything. After four days of fasting, I felt hungry. I felt relaxed and relieved that I had done it. I was twelve when I did the Sun Dance [1994],



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I went to Bethlehem Lutheran Church. I was baptized there and confirmed just this year. [1998]

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It doesn't really mean anything to me. I did it for my mom. She doesn't want me to be in the Sun Dance.

My mother doesn't like me going to the gathering. She doesn't know I'm here. The last gathering she thinks I went to was in Minnesota in 1990. I've really gone every year since then. I plan to keep going to the gatherings.